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Dear Mr. Lovelace:

This responds to your request for us to document the activities we intend to take to advise and involve the public in the remedial investigation and action to be conducted under "Superfund".

Our activities in this area will include a variety of actions and may vary from place to place, depending upon the degree of local interest shown. We will provide ample opportunity for any interested person to participate in this program.

Our first effort has been to notify our Guam EPA Board and the public of the project and advise them of the approximate schedules for both the investigation and remedial action itself. (See enclosed copy of newspaper article.) As soon as we learn of the contractor's final schedule for the remedial investigation, we will again notify our Board and the public. Public information mechanisms at our disposal include radio announcements, public notices, print media and/or other available forms of communication. The GEPA will also be available to any person seeking further information or wishing to comment. Furthermore, my staff and I will be available to conduct public meetings and otherwise assist the public.

If a great deal of public interest in an area is shown then we may conduct a public meeting in that area. We may wish to coordinate any public meetings with the contractor's visit so that the contractor will gain first hand knowledge of any concerns or comments of the public and factor them into the remedial action plan accordingly. If this cannot be arranged then we will notify you of any significant concerns of the public so that you may advise the contractor.

Once the remedial action plan is completed, we will essentially repeat the process outlined above for the remedial investigation. The public will be advised of the plan and schedule for the remedial action and afforded an opportunity to comment.

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Should the remedial action significantly impact any particular community, then we will make extra efforts to work with and involve the leadership of that community or village. We will fully advise you of our actions in this area.

I hope this explanation of planned activities is sufficient. If not, please advise me of what further information you require.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. BRANCH

Deputy Administrator

Enclosure